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LES PRIX DE LA DANSE DE MONTRÉAL

A THIRD AWARD IS CREATED



Montréal, November 12, 2014 – LES PRIX DE LA DANSE DE MONTRÉAL (PDM) will hold its annual award ceremony on **Wednesday, December 3rd, 2014**, at 10 a.m. at Place des Arts' Espace culturel Georges-Émile-Lapalme.

THREE AWARDS THIS YEAR

LES PRIX DE LA DANSE DE MONTRÉAL will award its prestigious international prize, **LE GRAND PRIX DE LA DANSE DE MONTRÉAL 2014**, while Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec (CALQ) will award the **PRIX DU CALQ POUR LA MEILLEURE ŒUVRE CHORÉGRAPHIQUE 2013-2014** and Regroupement québécois de la danse (RQD) will honor the winner of a new award, the **PRIX DU RQD – INTERPRÈTE**.

LE GRAND PRIX DE LA DANSE DE MONTRÉAL

For its fourth year, **LE GRAND PRIX DE LA DANSE DE MONTRÉAL** comes with a **\$15,000** prize, courtesy of **QUÉBECOR** and private donors. This international award honors the recipient's creativity and exceptional work.

"Montréal is a major dance capital and the GRAND PRIX is a reflection of its vibrant dance scene and international reputation," said PDM founder and president **Marie Chouinard**.

LE GRAND PRIX DE LA DANSE DE MONTRÉAL presented by **QUÉBECOR** is awarded to a Canadian or foreign dance artist (choreographer or performer) who presented a work in Montréal between July 1st, 2013, and June 30th, 2014. All dance works performed in Montréal during this period were eligible. An independent jury was appointed to select the winner. The 2014 members of the jury are : **Fabienne Cabado** (journalist, moderator, and cultural communicator), **Kathy Casey** (artistic director, Montréal Danse), **Sophie Corriveau** (performer and choreographer), **Michèle Fèbvre** (associate professor, Department of Dance, UQAM), and **Cathy Levy** (general producer, dance, National Centre for the Arts). More than a hundred local and visiting performances were in the running, proof of the vitality of the Montréal dance scene.

Previous years' recipients:

2011 **Louise Lecavalier**

2012 **Anna Teresa de Keersmaeker**

2013 **Benoît Lachambre**

PRIX DU CALQ POUR LA MEILLEURE ŒUVRE CHORÉGRAPHIQUE

The **PRIX DU CALQ POUR LA MEILLEURE ŒUVRE CHORÉGRAPHIQUE 2013-2014**, worth **\$10,000**, recognizes artistic excellence in a choreography presented in the province of Québec between July 1st, 2013, and June 30th, 2014. CALQ chief executive officer **Stéphan La Roche** noted that "CALQ has been promoting and celebrating creativity and artistic excellence now for twenty years. In awarding this prize, CALQ is seeking to contribute to the development of dance by highlighting Québec choreographers whose works deserve recognition for their remarkable quality."

LE PRIX DU RQD – INTERPRÈTE

Regroupement québécois de la danse is pleased to join the PRIX DE LA DANSE DE MONTRÉAL and award the new **PRIX DU RQD – INTERPRÈTE** it has created to mark its 30th anniversary. The award, which comes with a **\$10,000** cash prize partly funded by Caisse de la Culture, will be given to a Quebec performance artist whose professional dance work presented in the province between July 1st, 2013, and June 30th, 2014, was deserving of special note. RQD has entrusted the PRIX DE LA DANSE DE MONTRÉAL jury with selecting a winner on the basis of artistic approach, interpretation quality and commitment to choreographic work and the community of dancers. “This first **PRIX DU RQD – INTERPRÈTE** award is something we have long dreamed of as a way to publicly salute the invaluable contribution of dancers to professional dance in Québec and to presenting dance works to the public,” said RQD executive director **Lorraine Hébert**.

About LES PRIX DE LA DANSE DE MONTRÉAL

Founded in 2011, PDM is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting Montréal as an international hub for the creation and presentation of dance. It highlights personalities, organizations, and institutions in the dance community by awarding prizes and distinctions.

Sitting on it’s board for 2013-2014 : Marie Chouinard, Anik Bissonnette, Sylvain Émard, Frédérick Gravel, Clothilde Cardinal, Paule Beaudry, Alix Laurent, Caroline Ohrt and Bernard Lagacé.

The 2013-2014 PDM awards have been made possible through the financial support of Québecor, Caisse de la Culture, Regroupement québécois de la danse, Conseil des Arts et des lettres du Québec, Consulat général de la république fédérale d’Allemagne, Place des Arts, agency Commun, certified general accountant Jean-François Gascon, Conseil des arts de Montréal, Agora de la danse and Groupe Germain.

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